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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

ALEJANDRO VALLESILLO, individually,  
and on behalf of all others similarly situated,  
Plaintiff,

v.

STELLAR MUTUAL INC, a Delaware  
corporation, STELLAR MUTUAL GLOBAL  
INC, a Delaware corporation, DANIEL  
SHARBANI, an individual, and JOHN DOE,  
an unknown business entity,  
Defendants.

Case No.: 8:22-cv-00307-RFR-MDN

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION  
COMPLAINT**

**Jury Trial Demanded**

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

1. Plaintiff ALEJANDRO VALLESILLO (“Plaintiff”) brings this First Amended Class Action Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial against Defendant STELLAR MUTUAL INC, Defendant STELLAR MUTUAL GLOBAL, INC., (“Stellar Mutual”) Defendant DANIEL SHARBANI (“Daniel Sharbani”) and Defendant JOHN DOE (“John Doe” or together, “Defendants”) to stop their illegal practice of making unsolicited telemarketing calls to the telephones of consumers whose phone numbers were registered on the Federal Do Not Call Registry, and to obtain redress for all persons injured by their conduct. Plaintiff alleges as

follows upon personal knowledge as to himself and his own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by his attorney.

### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

2. Stellar Mutual sells loans to consumers. Daniel Sharbani is Stellar Mutual's chief executive officer. As a part of their marketing, Stellar and John Doe placed thousands of phone calls to consumers whose phone numbers were registered on the Federal Do Not Call Registry.

3. Defendants did not obtain express written consent prior to placing these unsolicited calls, and, therefore, are in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227.

4. Congress enacted the TCPA in 1991 in response to "a torrent of vociferous consumer complaints about intrusive robocalls."

5. The TCPA instructed the Federal Communications Commission to "prescribe regulations to implement methods and procedures for protecting the privacy rights [of consumers] . . . in an efficient, effective, and economic manner and without the imposition of any additional charge to telephone subscribers." 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(2).

6. The TCPA explicitly authorized the FCC to establish a "single national database" of telephone numbers belonging those who object to receiving telephone solicitations. *Id.* § 227(c)(3).

7. By placing the calls to people who have registered their phone numbers on the national database, Defendants violated the privacy and statutory rights of Plaintiff and the Class.

8. Plaintiff therefore seeks an injunction requiring Defendants to stop its unconsented calling, as well as an award of actual and statutory fines to the Class members, together with costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

### **PARTIES**

9. Plaintiff ALEJANDRO VALLESILLO is a natural person and is a citizen of Omaha, Nebraska.

10. Defendant STELLAR MUTUAL INC. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware. Stellar Mutual's registered agent is listed as VCORP SERVICES, LLC, 1013 Centre Road Suite 403-B, Wilmington, Delaware, 19805.

11. Defendant STELLAR MUTUAL GLOBAL INC. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware. Stellar Mutual's registered agent is listed as VCORP SERVICES, LLC, 1013 Centre Road Suite 403-B, Wilmington, Delaware, 19805.

12. Defendant Daniel Sharbani is the Chief Executive Officer of Stellar Mutual.

13. Defendant John Doe is an unknown business entity.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

14. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as this action arises under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227, which is a federal statute.

15. This Court has specific personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants caused the violating phone calls to be placed to Plaintiff in this District.

16. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because the injury substantially occurred in this District.

### **COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

17. Stellar Mutual markets and sells loans to consumers.

18. Daniel Sharbani is the chief executive officer at Stellar Mutual. Mr. Sharbani and/or one of his agents hired John Doe to place phone calls marketing Stellar Mutual's loan services.

19. Unfortunately, Defendants failed to obtain consent from Plaintiff and the Class or check the Do Not Call registry before placing these unsolicited calls.

#### **FACTS SPECIFIC TO PLAINTIFF**

20. Starting in April through June 2022, Plaintiff received approximately a dozen unsolicited phones call from John Doe and/or Stellar Mutual soliciting Stellar Mutual's loan products.

21. At the time of the calls, Plaintiff's phone number ending in 8312 had been registered on the Federal Do Not Call Registry since December 2021.

22. When Plaintiff answered one of the calls, Plaintiff was solicited for Stellar Mutual's loan products.

23. Plaintiff never consented to receive calls from Defendants. Plaintiff never heard of Defendants and had no relationship whatsoever with Defendants prior to this interaction.

24. Defendants' call violated Plaintiff's statutory rights and caused actual and statutory damages.

25. In addition to causing statutory damages, the illegal calls caused annoyance, intrusion on privacy and seclusion, and wasted cell phone battery life and time to Plaintiff.

#### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

26. **Class Definition:** Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) and 23(b)(3) on behalf of Plaintiff and a class defined as follows:

**TCPA Class.** All persons in the United States who: (1) from the last 4 years to present (2) Defendants called more than once in a 12-month period (3) whose telephone numbers were registered on the Federal Do Not Call registry for more than 30 days at the time of the call

27. The following people are excluded from the Class: (1) any Judge or Magistrate presiding over this action and members of their families; (2) Defendant, Defendants'

subsidiaries, parents, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which the Defendant or their parents have a controlling interest and its current or former employees, officers and directors; (3) persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the Class; (4) persons whose claims in this matter have been finally adjudicated on the merits or otherwise released; (5) Plaintiff's counsel and Defendants' counsel; and (6) the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of any such excluded persons.

28. **Numerosity:** The exact number of the Class members is unknown and not available to Plaintiff, but it is clear that individual joinder is impracticable. On information and belief, Defendant placed telephone calls to thousands of consumers who fall into the definition of the Class. Members of the Class can be identified through Defendants' records.

29. **Typicality:** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of other members of the Class, in that Plaintiff and the Class members sustained damages arising out of Defendants' uniform wrongful conduct and unsolicited telephone calls.

30. **Adequate Representation:** Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the other members of the Class. Plaintiff's claims are made in a representative capacity on behalf of the other members of the Class. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to the interests of the other members of the proposed Class and is subject to no unique defenses. Plaintiff has retained competent counsel to prosecute the case on behalf of Plaintiff and the proposed Class. Plaintiff and his counsel are committed to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of the members of the Class and have the financial resources to do so.

31. **Policies Generally Applicable to the Class:** This class action is appropriate for certification because Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to

the Class as a whole, thereby requiring the Court's imposition of uniform relief to ensure compatible standards of conduct toward the Class members and making final injunctive relief appropriate with respect to the Class as a whole. Defendants' practices challenged herein apply to and affect the Class members uniformly, and Plaintiff's challenge of those practices hinge on Defendants' conduct with respect to the Class as a whole, not on facts or law applicable only to Plaintiff.

32. **Commonality and Predominance:** There are many questions of law and fact common to the claims of Plaintiff and the Class, and those questions predominate over any questions that may affect individual members of the Class. Common questions for the Class include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- a. Whether the calls were caused by Defendants;
- b. Whether the calls promoted Defendants' products or services;
- c. Whether Defendants obtained written express consent prior to the calls;
- d. Whether members of the Class are entitled to treble damages based on the knowingness and/or willfulness of Defendants' conduct.

33. **Superiority:** This case is also appropriate for class certification because class proceedings are superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy as joinder of all parties is impracticable. The damages suffered by the individual members of the Class will likely be relatively small, especially given the burden and expense of individual prosecution of the complex litigation necessitated by Defendants' actions. Thus, it would be virtually impossible for the individual members of the Class to obtain effective relief from Defendants' misconduct. Even if members of the Class could sustain such individual litigation, it would still not be preferable to a class action, because individual

litigation would increase the delay and expense to all parties due to the complex legal and factual controversies presented in this Complaint. By contrast, a class action presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single Court. Economies of time, effort and expense will be fostered, and uniformity of decisions ensured.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**Violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)**  
**Do Not Call Provision**  
**(On behalf of Plaintiff and the DNC Class)**

34. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

35. The telephone numbers of Plaintiff and the Class are registered on the Do Not Call Registry.

36. Defendants placed unsolicited phone calls Plaintiff's and the Class members' DNC-registered telephones without having their prior written consent to do so.

37. Defendants' actions agents constitute violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) of the TCPA, by making soliciting residential and wireless telephone numbers listed on the Federal Government's National Do Not Call Registry. 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)(2).

38. Defendants' phone calls were made for the commercial purpose of selling loans to consumers.

39. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of at least \$500 in damages for each such violation (47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5)(B)) or \$1,500 if the violation is knowing or willful. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

40. Plaintiff also seeks a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants from making telemarketing solicitations to residential and wireless telephone numbers listed on the Federal Government's National Do Not Call Registry.

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

**Violation of § 64.1200(d)(1)**

**Failure to Maintain Written Telemarketing Policy  
(On behalf of Plaintiff and the TCPA and DNC Classes)**

41. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

42. 47 CFR 64.1200(d)(1) requires that Defendants maintain a written telemarketing policy.

43. Defendants solicited Plaintiff and the class without maintaining a written telemarketing policy, resulting in violations against Plaintiff.

44. On August 8, 2022, Plaintiff's attorney requested a copy of Defendants' telemarketing policy by U.S. Postal Mail but did not receive a response.

45. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of at least \$500 in damages for each such violation. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5)(B).

46. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of up to \$1,500 in damages for each such knowing or willful violation. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

47. Plaintiff also seeks a permanent injunction requiring Defendants to maintain a written telemarketing policy.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

**Violation of § 64.1200(d)(2)**

**Failure to Train Telemarketing Personnel  
(On behalf of Plaintiff and the TCPA and DNC Classes)**

48. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

49. 47 CFR 64.1200(d)(2) requires that Defendants train their personnel engaged in telemarketing on the written policy and the existence of the Do Not Call Policy.

50. Defendants did not do so, resulting in violations against Plaintiff.

51. Plaintiff's attorney requested a copy of Defendants' telemarketing policy by U.S. Postal Mail but did not receive a response.

52. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of at least \$500 in damages for each such violation. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5)(B).

53. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of up to \$1,500 in damages for each such knowing or willful violation. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

54. Plaintiff also seeks a permanent injunction requiring Defendants to train their telemarketing personnel.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff ALEJANDRO VALLESILLO, individually and on behalf of the Class, prays for the following relief:

- A. An order certifying the Class as defined above, appointing Plaintiff as Class representative and appointing his counsel as Class Counsel;
- B. An order declaring that Defendants' actions, as set out above, violate the TCPA;
- C. An order declaring that Defendants' actions, as set out above, violate the TCPA willfully and knowingly;
- D. An order declaring that Defendants' actions, as set out above, violate 47 CFR § 64.1200(d)(1);
- E. An order declaring that Defendants' actions, as set out above, violate 47 CFR § 64.1200(d)(2);
- F. An injunction requiring Defendants to cease all unlawful calls without first obtaining the call recipients' express consent to receive such calls, and otherwise protecting interests of the Class;
- G. An award of actual damages and/or statutory fines and penalties;
- H. An award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and

I. Such other and further relief that the Court deems reasonable and just.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff requests a trial by jury of all claims that can be so tried.

Dated: October 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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